



Community Reference Group

EDITION 1

CRG-Port of Airlie

The Port of Airlie is one of the most significant developments being undertaken in Queensland.

That's one of the reasons why the development's formal approvals from the three tiers of Government - Federal, State and Municipal - collectively require that a Community Reference Group (CRG) be established.

A key feature of the CRG's role includes co-ordinating communications between the Port of Airlie developers; and the local community and other stakeholders.

The CRG is now operational. This first newsletter from the CRG has been prepared to assist you become familiar with the CRG and its roles as well as how to find out further information about the development and the avenues of communication open to you.



CRG WEB SITE

The Community Reference Group for the Port of Airlie development has established a web site at www.crgairlie.com.au

The web site provides the latest community information relevant to the project.

It also features a section where you can ask questions about the development or make a comment.

The CRG Airlie web site also includes sections where you can register to receive information about employment opportunities.

There also is a section where potential suppliers can register their businesses along with the goods and services which they are able to provide.

Fast Fact sheets also are available at the web site - they provide more detailed information on aspects of development progress.

Copies of all advertisements and public notices relating to the development are posted on the web site.

The CRG Airlie web site does not address sales-related inquiries.

Sales inquiries should be made via the developer's web site: www.meridien.com.au



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction work is about to commence on the Port of Airlie development.

One of the most noticeable first parts of construction will be the creation of a temporary public car park for around 200 vehicles adjacent to the Whitsunday Sailing Club.

The car parking is being established to more than offset the public's loss of parking on Coconut Grove.

Safety fencing also is about to be erected around the site - it will run from the Whitsunday Sailing Club to Shute Harbour Road.

The first stage of works will include construction of bund walls. These banked walls and a silt curtain approximately one kilometre long, are designed to protect the adjacent marine environment during construction.

Fill material to create the bund walls will be transported from Waterson Road and other off-site areas, to the development site. This will result in increased truck activity through Airlie during the construction period.

The over-water part of the development now is a Maritime Exclusion Zone which prohibits the entry of unauthorised persons or vessels.





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CONTACT CRG

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CRG'S ROLE

The Community Reference Group for the Port of Airlie provides a communications path between the community, government agencies and the development.

Its formation is required under the approvals for the Port Of Airlie development's Construction Environmental Management Plan (Section 12 relating to Communications and Reporting).

The CRG has a focus on the impacts resulting from construction activities.

It is downstream of the formal development approvals process.

It is independent of the developer, although the developer does have representation on the CRG.

It is the role of the CRG to:

- Assist in identifying and resolving issues;
- Contribute to an informed view of the project within the community;
- Review project performance against the Environmental Management Plans;

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CRG Airlie - facilitating communications between the Port of Airlie and the community

CRG MEMBERS

Chairman - Dr Hugh Lavery - Adjunct Professor of Environmental Systems, QUT.
Secretary - John Daffy - Communications Manager
Cr Mario Demartini - Mayor, Whitsunday Shire Council
Cr Ray Debnam - Division 2 Councillor, Whitsunday Shire Council
Claire Gronow - Principal Environmental Scientist, GHD
Rebecca Andrew - Chief Executive, Whitsunday Development Corporation
Philip Blundstone - Manager, Portside Whitsunday Resort
Horace Soegaard - Member various community action groups
Peter Marshall - Developer's representative
Graeme Godde - Project Manager, Golding Constructions



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CRG'S ROLE .. continued

- Advise the project in the preparation of local industry and employment strategies

CRG Airlie is committed to:

- Providing regular updates to community stakeholders
- Responding promptly to all comments, inquiries and complaints
- Submitting formal reports on time and to the standard required by the relevant agency
- Conducting informal consultation with regulatory agencies to discuss issues of concern
- Implementing formal complaints and incident reporting procedures.

In fulfilling its communications role, CRG Airlie will be producing regular information newsletters which will be delivered to letterboxes in Airlie Beach, Cannonvale Jubilee Pocket and Shute Harbour.

These newsletters will also be available in .pdf format for distribution via email.

You can register to receive the newsletter via the crgairlie.com.au web site or by sending a request email to info@crgairlie.com.au

CRG Airlie also will keep the community advised via email bulletins, the CRG Airlie web site, Fast Fact sheets and media circulating and broadcasting in the area.

Interested groups, such as service clubs and schools, also can request that a representative from CRG Airlie speak to them about development progress and impacts.

CONSTRUCTION SURVEY

Owners of property near the Port of Airlie development site can request the construction contractors to undertake a property status survey.

This survey, completed at no cost to the property owner, will provide a baseline upon which 'before' and 'after' construction assessments can be made.

The survey involves recording the current status of the condition of the property.

There are three ways you can request in writing that your property be included in the survey:

- via the Make A Comment form on the CRG Airlie web site - www.crgairlie.com.au
- via email: info@crgairlie.com.au
- via mail: Property Status Survey, CRG Airlie, PO Box 2356 Wellington Point Qld 4160.

In each instance, you will be contacted so a convenient time can be arranged to provide further details on how the survey is proposed to be undertaken and what areas of investigation it will cover.

The construction contractors also are undertaking a roads condition survey to ensure that the impacts of increased truck movements during the construction period, can be accurately assessed.

Similar surveys to establish baselines already are in place for monitoring noise and air quality during construction.

For any further queries, please contact CRG Airlie.